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A two-story container home built on site at Airola Road Vineyards in Angels Camp, first for the land keepers and now booked solid for wedding guests.

A Home for the Keepers of the Land

George and Birgit Klause wanted a home on their land for the keepers who look after the vines. Denise designed it and rendered walkthroughs before the first cut. Then she moved onto the property and lived there with the crew for three months to build it on site with the owners.

The design stacks two 40′ High Cube containers into a 640 sq ft two-story home, with a covered upper deck, a black steel spiral stair and glass doors that open to the oaks.

Built on Site, Start to Finish

The site is a remote hillside among the oaks. A crane set the upper container onto the lower one on a new slab, and the openings for windows and doors were cut from there. George and Birgit were part of the build from the first sketch, and the work ran from bare steel to the final coat of sage green.

In their words: “We wanted a home that fit the land. Denise designed it, lived here with her crew and built it with us. Now guests from all over stay in it.”

Today It’s The Airola Hideaway

The home began with the land keepers. Today it’s The Airola Hideaway, a guest home for weddings at Airola Road Vineyards, and it’s booked solid.

Follow the build from the first renderings to the finished home on our real estate page.

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